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In re Application of:

Hirofumi KUBOTA

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DISPLAY PANEL AND FABRICATION

METHOD THEREOF

OCONFIRMATION

Examiner: Kevin J. Quarterman

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a Final Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the above-referenced application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p).

A European Search Report dated March 29, 2006 that issued in a counterpart European patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. While the European Search Report cites to JP 2003-282241, this document is not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 because it was cited in the Office Action dated February

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7, 2006 in this application. The remaining cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and the non-U.S. documents are also attached hereto. Two of the cited documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 are in a language other than English. The relevance of these documents can be understood from the attached English-language Abstract and also from their

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citation in the attached European Search Report.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any of the listed documents, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

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any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

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Respectfully submitted,

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